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APPLICANT: FRIEDEMANN PIESCHEL ET AL
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TITLE: FILTERS CONSISTING OF FILTER PAPER OR PAPER-TYPE NONWOVEN MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN.: BOX PCT APPLICATION
Ass't. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, line 1, please insert the following paragraphs:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German
Application No. 199 24 435.9, filed on May 28, 1999. Applicants
also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/EP00/04589, filed
on May 20, 2000. The international application under PCT article
21(2) was not published in English.--